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Honorable Robert E. Andrews  
House of Representatives  
1005 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Andrews:

Thank you for your letter in which you state your view that Television Station WHSP-TV, Vineland, New Jersey, an affiliate of the Home Shopping Network, should be granted must-carry status.

The Commission has initiated a proceeding, pursuant to specific requirements of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, to examine whether home shopping stations operate in the public interest and whether they should be entitled to must-carry status on cable television. For your information, I have enclosed the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM Docket No. 93-8) in this matter. It includes a discussion of the criteria to be used in making these determinations and the potential impact on home shopping stations once regulations have been adopted.

Your comments will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of your concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosure are informative.

Sincerely,

James H. Quello  
Chairman

Enclosure

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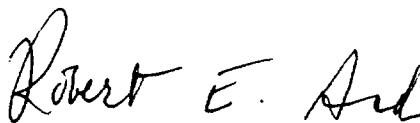
Dear Mr. Quello:

I am writing concerning your consideration this week of the program access provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act.

I am greatly in favor of granting Must Carry protection to WHSP-TV 65 in Vineland, New Jersey. As a subsidiary of Silver King Communications, Inc. and an affiliate of the Home Shopping Network, WHSP-TV offers programming to the community that is substantive and newsworthy. Unfortunately, seventy-two percent of the cable subscribers in the broadcasting area are currently deprived of access to the issue responsive programming offered by WHSP-TV. Without Must Carry, their programming would continue to be available to only a small fraction of paying viewers.

I would appreciate if you would take my views into account as you and your fellow Commissioners consider program access provisions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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